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Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/18/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4-6, 11-16, 18-20, and 25-29 (renumbered as 1-19).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-16, 18-20, and 25-29 are allowed, and are renumbered as 1-19.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the closest prior art, Sekine et al. (U.S. Patent 6,101,188), and Naghian et al. (Pub No. US 2003/0235175), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render obvious a data forwarding controller for performing data forwarding control via a network, wherein the control section is configured to set an entry in said MAC learning table as an additional entry based on a MAC address of a next access point contained in a handover start message received from said mobile node, wherein said additional entry sets a port to which said next access point is connected, as an output port corresponding to said MAC address of said mobile node, and output said data addressed to said MAC address of said mobile node received via said network in parallel, to said output ports listed in said plurality of entries as to said MAC address of said mobile node set in said MAC learning table, wherein said output ports are a plurality of ports to which a current access point and said next access point of said mobile node are connected, in combination with all other limitations in the claim as claimed and defined by applicants.

Claims 2 and 4-6 are allowed as dependent from claim 1.

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Claims 11-14, 15-20, 25-28, and 29 are allowed for the same reason explained above since they are the corresponding system, method, and computer program claims of controller claims 1-2, and 4-6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward Tracy on 4/23/2008.

Claims 7-10, 21-24, and 30 are cancelled.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2616

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2616